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SUBJ: JHU BOLOGNA CENTER EXCHANGE, CONTRACT NO. 1069-587085

1. PROJECT DIRECTOR SERFATI HAS PRESENTED REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT IN AMOUNT OF DOLS 450 FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES IN CONNECTION TRAVEL OF US STUDENTS TO SEMINAR IN BELGRADE. (EMBASSY HAS PURCHASED ROUND-TRIP SECOND CLASS RAIL TICKETS AND SERFATI PROVIDED ADDITIONAL MONEY TO ENABLE STUDENTS HAVE SLEEPING ACCOMODATIONS SINCE THESE NOT INCLUDED IN SECOND CLASS FARE.)

2. SERFATI ALSO SEEKS REIMBURSEMENT DOLS 2,150 FOR EIGHT AIR-TICKETS BELGRADE-BOLOGNA AND RETURN USED BY YUGOSLAV PROFESSORS WHO LECTURED AT BOLOGNA CENTER DURING PAST ACADEMIC YEAR.

3. EMBASSY WISHES BE AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE BUT BELIEVES CONTRACTS AS PRESENTLY WRITTEN FUNDS EXIST TO PAY CLAIMS. ARTICLE III, PARA B STIPULATES THAT MONEY IN TRAVEL FUND BE DISBURSED BY EMBASSY DIRECTLY TO CARRIER UPON NOTIFICATION BY DEPARTMENT. FURTHER, NUMBER OF TRIPS AUTHORIZED BY CONTRACT SET AT 27, AND AS THESE TRAVEL SLOTS WERE USED FOR TRAVEL OF 26 STUDENTS AND ONE PROFESSOR TO TWO SEMINARS, THERE ARE NO SLOTS AVAILABLE FOR USE BY YUGOSLAV PROFESSORS.

4. FYI, EMBASSY RECORDS SHOW FOLLOWING DISBURSEMENTS FROM CONTRACT: TRAVEL FUNDS: APRIL 1974, DOLS 686.77 FOR TRAIN TICKETS BOLOGNA-BELGRADE RETURN FOR ELEVEN US STUDENTS.

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APRIL 1975 DOLS 691.50 FOR 15 US STUDENTS SAME ROUTE, AND

DOLS 1519.07 FOR 27 TRIPS. BALANCE IN TRAVEL ACCOUNT  
DOLS 3213.93. FUNDS FOR MAINTENANCE, DOLS 4,250, HAVE  
ALL BEEN EXPENDED.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S INVESTIGATING POSSIBILITY  
OF AMENDING CONTRACT TO PERMIT EMBASSY REIMBURSE SERFATI FOR  
THESE EXPENSES WHICH FIT SPIRIT OF CONTRACT IF NOT LETTER.  
SERFATI WISHES RECEIVE THIS MONEY IN EQUIVALENT DINARS WHICH  
HE INTENDS USE FINANCE FURTHER EXCHANGES BETWEEN CENTER AND  
INSTITUTE IN BELGRADE. PLEASE ADVISE.  
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